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**Amendment No. 1 to HB1393**

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 1670**

**House Bill No. 1393\***

by adding the following sentence at the end of subdivision (d)(4) of SECTION 6 of the printed bill:

When appointing members to the advisory board pursuant to this subsection, the department shall, to the extent possible, appoint the board's members to ensure appropriate representation on the board based upon gender and ethnicity.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting SECTION 7 of the printed bill in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-11-704, is amended by deleting subsections (a), (b) and (d) in their entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a) In order to coordinate the activities of the rehabilitation centers and to advise the commissioner and to better acquaint the public with the needs and activities of the program, the commissioner is authorized to create a statewide advisory board for the rehabilitation centers, to be composed of fifteen (15) members, as follows:

(1) There shall be one (1) ex officio member from each of the following departments and agencies of state government:

(A) The department of mental health and developmental disabilities;

(B) The department of labor and workforce development;

(C) The department of human services;

(D) The division of vocational rehabilitation of the department of human services;

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(E) The department of education; and

(F) The Tennessee committee on employment of persons with disabilities.

(2) The remaining nine (9) members shall be appointed by the commissioner of the department of human services from among private organizations and agencies concerned with persons with disabilities, to serve for staggered terms of four (4) years each. In appointing the nine (9) remaining members to the board, to the extent possible, the assistant commissioner shall appoint the board's members to ensure appropriate representation on the board based upon gender and ethnicity.

(b) It is the duty of the advisory board to consider and advise the commissioner and the division on broad problems and policies, to review periodically the progress of the rehabilitation center program, and to help maintain coordination between the program and the related programs of the organizations and agencies represented on the board.

(d) The commissioner, through the division, shall, with the advice and assistance of the advisory board, set and enforce standards for the operation of the rehabilitation centers, assist communities in organizing local rehabilitation centers, develop and administer contractual arrangements between the centers and the division, secure contract work for the various rehabilitation centers from industry on a local, statewide and national basis, in order to provide the type of

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work experience most needed by the clients and still provide income to the  
rehabilitation centers sufficient to adequately remunerate the clients.

AND FURTHER AMEND by adding the following sentence at the end of the amendatory  
language for subsection (a) in SECTION 10 of the printed bill:

The vocational rehabilitation division shall comply with all requirements of Title VI of the  
Civil Rights Act of 1964 in the award and administration, pursuant to this subsection, of  
any contracts for services to clients of the division or in the provision of contract work for  
the division's clients.